

## The Liberal Democrat

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"There's so much good in the worst  
of us, and there's so much bad in the  
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any  
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

### Be A Booster.

Is this inactivity among the  
farmers to be taken as an indica-  
tor of public sentiment on the  
good roads question, in Seward  
county? We hope that it isn't.  
So far we have not heard of a  
single township that has organized  
and appointed a road overseer.  
The first step toward getting any-  
thing is always the most impor-  
tant. Now that there is little or  
no farm work, get after this good  
roads business and talk it, boost  
it, and finally do it. The things  
worth while don't come easily,  
you have to work for them. Don't  
believe that fine highways and  
good roads will ever be presented  
to Seward county on a silver plat-  
ter. Be a good booster and a good  
citizen, and work for good roads.

### Played Joke On Cones.

The first Anti-Sunday baseball  
bill, introduced by George Cones  
of Meade county, has been report-  
ed for passage by the house com-  
mittee on state affairs. A Cones  
bill prohibiting Sunday football  
has also been reported favorably.

Cones is the author of the Anti-  
Tights bill and some of his friends  
in the house planned a little sur-  
prise on him this morning. They  
had a Topeka dressmaker fix up a  
pair of four-legged trousers made  
of pink cheese cloth and trimmed  
in lace and brass buttons. While  
Cones was out of the house his  
chair was dressed in this costume.  
The trousers fell below the patella  
of the chair and Cones could find  
no fault with it. Anyway it hid  
the legs of the chair and legs are  
the things objected to in the Anti-  
Tights bill.—Hutchinson News.

### A Good Yarn.

If there is anything I like, it's hunt-  
ing. I hunted one morning three  
hours for my collar buttons. One  
day last week I took my gun and went  
out to practise. I hit the bull's eye  
the first time and it cost me twenty  
dollars for I had to pay for the bull.

The best luck I ever had was in  
Washington one time. I had been  
walking all day, without seeing  
anything to shoot at. I sat down on  
the bank of a river to rest. Pretty  
soon I looked up the river, and saw  
500 ducks. I pulled both hammers  
back and took good aim at the ducks.  
Just as I was ready to pull the trig-  
gers, I heard a noise down the river.  
I looked down the river and saw 5000  
geese. I thought I would rather have  
the geese than the ducks, so I took  
aim at the geese. I was ready to  
shoot, when I heard a noise in front  
of me. I looked down and not three  
feet away I saw a big rattlesnake. I  
raised my gun and took aim at the  
snake.

I pulled both triggers and let go  
both barrels. The gun busted. The  
right barrel flew up the river and  
killed the 500 ducks, the left barrel  
flew down the river and killed the  
5000 geese, while the ramrod flew  
down the snake's throat and choked  
him to death. The gun stock flew  
back and kicked me into the river,  
and I came out with my boots full of  
fish.—Ex.

### Up Against It.

The need of a new county jail is  
becoming so urgent that it seems  
that we are now up against it.  
The district judge, W. H. Thomp-  
son, has condemned the present  
structure, which is a flimsy affair.  
The jail is also unsanitary, and if  
a prisoner should be taken ill there  
now, it is quite probable the coun-  
ty would be held liable. It does  
seem too bad to have to spend  
money for a jail, but as long as  
there is a need for one, we can  
hardly avoid such an expenditure.

### For Sale.

Fifteen R. C. Rhode Island Red  
cockerels for sale. \$1.00 each.  
Mrs. Grace Erlewine R. F. D. 4.  
1-13-2t. Pd.

## Keep Your Roads in Good Condition.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster  
General De Graw has taken on the  
role of good roads booster. He  
has charge of the rural free deliv-  
ery service, and in a letter to  
postmasters he threatens to dis-  
continue the service in localities  
where the roads are not kept in  
good condition.

The postmasters are directed to  
inform themselves of the road  
conditions and keep watch of the  
amount of attention paid to them  
by local authorities. If improve-  
ments are necessary, in the opin-  
ion of the postmaster, he is direct-  
ed to bring the matter to the pa-  
trons of the road, and also the local  
authorities. If, after a reasonable  
time, needed improvements have  
not been made, he is ordered to  
notify the Postoffice Department  
officials, and the service will be  
discontinued.

"The Department is not imme-  
diately concerned in elaborate  
road improvements," says Mr. De-  
Graw's letter, "but in the interest  
of the best service to the greatest  
number, it must insist upon roads  
being kept in good repair."

Postmasters are also asked to  
urge upon residents on rural deliv-  
ery routes the advisability of  
painting their mail boxes and posts  
white and of inscribing their names  
upon the boxes in large black  
letters.

### For Trade

I wish to trade improvements in  
Pratt Center, consisting of one  
lot and a half, 75 foot front, with  
new 8 room house, modern im-  
provements throughout. Good  
barn and other out buildings.  
Close to school and not far from  
railroad, for land in the vicinity  
of Liberal.

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### Editors to Come.

A call has been issued for the  
editors of this section to meet in  
Liberal on January 31st. The ob-  
ject will be to form an Editorial  
Association and get acquainted  
with other members of the busi-  
ness in this part of Kansas, Okla-  
homa and Texas. No program  
has yet been planned for the first  
meeting. There are more than  
forty editors who can and prob-  
ably will come to Liberal for the  
purpose of organizing an associa-  
tion. That means that forty of  
the best boosters in the Southwest  
will be here to get in close touch  
with each other, and incidentally  
to see Liberal. The meeting here  
will be a mighty good thing for  
the town, as well as for all those  
who will be able to attend.

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### More Teachers, Better Training.

The men and women of Kansas  
who send their children to the  
State University insist that the  
attention paid to them by their  
teachers be directed to the indi-  
vidual needs of each one. This is  
possible when classes are of the  
proper size, but when the number  
of teachers is too small and the  
number of students in a class goes  
as high as the dimensions of a  
large room will permit, it is not  
within the power of the teacher  
to give personal attention to each  
one. The University has done  
much to remedy this condition,  
but more remains to be done. It  
is the plan of the Regents to in-  
crease the number of teachers  
slightly for next year and to see  
that the greatest possible care is  
taken that every student should  
get the maximum amount of in-  
dividual instruction. If the money  
is available the number of stu-  
dents in each class will be cut  
down as low as is maintained in  
the best state universities.

### For Rent.

A well equipped stock ranch in  
Stevens County.  
C. L. GREGORY, Wooddale.

### Bonds Carry.

The Gulf & Northern bonds which  
were voted on in Logan county  
January 17th carried in every  
township. It is now definitely de-  
cided that the road will cross the  
Union Pacific at Winona, Kansas.  
Work on the northern end of the  
road will be crowded, but there is  
nothing yet to encourage work be-  
tween Garden City and Liberal.

Don't neglect your fire insur-  
ance. You may lose all in a few  
hours. Without tornado insurance  
you may lose all in an instant.  
Fire rates three years 80 cents per  
\$100. Tornado insurance 50 cents  
per \$100. for three years. Phone  
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### Back to the Land

The phenomenon of men turn-  
ing away from the land, and strug-  
gling for a foothold in the city,  
which does not extend a real in-  
vitation to them, and which has  
no use for them, is still new, and  
where values are not clearly and  
properly fixed.

Europe has long faced the prob-  
lem of relieving the land of sur-  
plus population which cannot hope  
to thrive upon its share of the  
yield of the overtaxed soil. It has  
encouraged the young and resour-  
ceful—its best blood—to desert  
the land at home and to embark  
upon the vessels which turn their  
prow toward stranger countries.  
And in Europe where the lessons  
of life are old and often sad, men  
cling to the land, because they  
know it is the one thing which  
nature has left unchanged, and  
which is the best heritage of the  
world's children.

We are still undergoing a pro-  
cess of adjustment in America.  
The land does not assert itself to  
the thoughtless—or is only begin-  
ning to do so. There has been  
such an abundance of acres that  
they have been undervalued—they  
and the normal life they represent.

Our cities were only builded  
yesterday, and as yet they have  
but faintly indicated their woes  
and unrest—their shallow-mind-  
edness and their narrow horizons—  
upon those who seek them.

But such a condition of affairs  
is only temporary, and is already  
passing. The greater number of  
settlements are making life in the  
country less depressing to the  
young, with their need of society.  
The genius of the inventors is  
making the work less arduous, and  
lessening the number of hours of  
the farm hand. The prices of  
farm products have steadily ad-  
vanced. Science has come to dwell  
in the places where dogged effort  
and blind perseverance formerly  
conducted their unequal battle.  
Mortgages are vanishing.

Men are not slow to pursue an  
obvious advantage and it may be  
predicted that the day is near  
when land will be eagerly conten-  
ded for, just as now the profitable  
posts in the city are contended  
for.

Bring your butter, eggs, poultry  
and hides to us and get the cash  
for them. Liberal Cold Storage  
Co. 8-5-tf

A bill has been introduced in  
Legislature to abolish the 32nd,  
Judicial District and attach it to  
the district east. The reason  
given is that there is not enough  
in this district to keep a judge  
busy. It is hardly probable that  
the bill will pass, but if it should,  
the judge would still draw his  
salary.

The demand for business and  
residence property is still much  
greater than the supply. A deal-  
er last week said he could have  
rented 25 houses of from 2 to 7  
rooms each.

### \$100.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward for  
the arrest and conviction of any  
person or persons illegally hand-  
ling, driving off and disposing of  
or butchering any of my stock.  
C. M. LIGHT,  
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Farm loans, easy terms. S. W.  
Smith.

## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

### COUNTY.

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E. H. Taylor  
County Clerk: E. D. Cooper  
County Treasurer: George A. Smith  
Clerk District Court: E. E. Irwin  
Register Deeds: C. W. Finley  
County Attorney: C. R. Commons  
Probate Judge: H. H. Eldon  
Sheriff: J. G. Trindle  
Surveyor: A. L. Knisely  
Coroner: Mary E. Todd  
County Assessor: E. H. Hirm  
Judge 2nd Judicial District, Hon. William H.  
Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

### TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT

Wednesday after third Tuesday of April  
Wednesday after second Monday of September  
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

### CITY

Mayor: J. E. Miller  
A. E. Blake  
A. Shumate  
Councilmen: M. H. Scandrett  
Paul Light  
L. Longenecker  
H. W. Lane  
Police Judge: G. E. Youst  
Marshal: J. Karau  
Clerk: T. J. Smith  
Treasurer: A. Shumate  
Street Commissioner

### Liberal R. R. Time Card.

EAST BOUND.  
No. 82, except Sunday, " 7:30 a. m.  
No. 4, Limited, " 7:10 a. m.  
No. 2, " 11:30 a. m.  
No. 24, " 2:30 a. m.  
WEST BOUND.  
No. 81, except Sunday, " 8:00 p. m.  
No. 1, " 1:45 p. m.  
No. 3, Limited, " 11:05 p. m.  
No. 33, " 1:45 a. m.  
L. C. YOCUM, Agent.

### LODGE DIRECTORY.

Fargo Lodge No. 300  
A. F. & A. M.  
Stated communications first and  
third Monday of each month.  
M. H. FLOOD, W. M.  
E. S. IRWIN, Sec'y.

Liberal Lodge 555  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Tuesday night  
at 8 o'clock.  
A. W. PANKRATZ, N. G.  
E. D. COOPER, Sec'y.

Liberal Encampment 144  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every 2nd and 4th  
Thursday night at 8 o'clock.  
FRANK WHEELER, C. P.  
A. L. BENNETT, Sec'ie.

Liberal Rebekah  
Lodge 522  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every 1st and 3rd  
Thursday night at 8  
o'clock.  
Gertrude Thierer, N. G.  
Beulah Stamper, Sec'y.

Liberal Lodge 283  
A. O. U. W.  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Mon-  
day night in the Craig Building  
at 8 o'clock.  
J. D. LANE, W. M.  
A. W. PANKRATZ, Rec.

Liberal Chapter No. 104  
EASTERN STAR  
Meets the second and fourth  
Monday of each month.  
Mrs. J. A. BLACK, W. M.  
Mrs. CREEK, Sec'y.

### J. F. MACY

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